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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TATSUYA KAWAKAMI

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For: APPARATUS FOR REDUCING AN

ENGAGING FORCE OF AN ENGAGING MEMBER

Examiner: Vinh Luong

Art Unit: 3656

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2008. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.